**ABIS Business Meeting**

March 1, 2012

Call to Order: Ann Wilson, Acting President and Program Chair

Announcements:

* Proceedings can be picked up at registration
* This year’s program has been included in the proceedings for convenience

Minutes from March 9, 2011 were approved as written.

Conference Report:

* 24 submissions
* 22 papers were accepted
* 46 authors
* Wide range of states represented

Treasurer’s Report – Kimberly Merritt

* Account Balance was $5565.27
* Net Registration (Registration – Breakfast Expenses) $504

Proceedings Report – Beverly Oswalt

* Included 13 papers
* Members were reminded that the proceedings is an important step in the research process leading to a journal publication
* Members will be told that additional copies are available if some of the pages are tearing in the copy they receive.

Journal Report – Marcel Robles

* Nine (9) submissions and six (6) acceptances
* 67% acceptance rate (70% listed in Cabels)
* Deadline September 1
* Renewed again for Cabels

Website: ABIS-FBD.org

Election of New Officers:

President: Ann Wilson

Vice President/Program Chair: Kimberly Merritt

Secretary/Treasurer: Joselina Cheng

Journal Editor: Marcel Robles (last year)

Proceedings Editor: Beverly Oswalt (last year)

Passed through a majority vote.

FBD Report – Betty Kleen:

* Her service as Executive Director is ending; Michelle McEachern is next Executive Director
* 2013 Conference is in Albuquerque, NM
* Fun things to do: Train ride to Santa Fe, snow skiing
* FBD will expand advertising to the west cost states; associations are encouraged to expand as well
* Food prices should be better than NOLA
* Registration will be open earlier than it was for the 2012 conference
* New marketing director will be working to increase exhibitors
* Registration will increase $25 over three years ($5, $10, $10)

**Old Business**

* Coordinating with SWDSI didn’t work
* FBD Journal is being developed
* How to increase membership
  + Call for papers to all FBD registrations
  + Stress fast track journal publication
  + Access membership from other associations such as IACIS
* The proceedings will remain in print format; however, it will be posted online

**New Business**

* Proposal to separate the duties of Secretary/Treasurer:
* Treasurer to be a 3-year term and split from the duties of secretary
* Secretary would continue to step up through the officer ranks
* Problems occur in trying to get new signatures on the bank account, etc. in the post 9/11 banking environment
* Carla Barber agreed to serve as Treasurer for the 3-year term

Motion to proceed passed

* ABIS Dues Increase
  + Tabled
* Proposed FBD Registration Increase
  + ABIS executives were instructed to support the proposed FBD registration increase

Meeting adjourned.